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Gulf Conflict

Iraqi Naval Action — Iraqi naval forces destroyed five "maritime targets" in the Khowr-e Musa area near Bandar-e Khomeyni, and another two were either destroyed or damaged by mines in the same area, according to the 1 July military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio. Meanwhile, Iraqi planes shot down an Iranian F-14 that had come to aid the vessels, the communique added. The South Korean Foreign Ministry later announced that the Korean freighter *Wonjin* was hit on its way to Bandar-e Khomeyni by Iraqi Air Force missiles, injuring four crew members, Seoul radio reported.

In regard to these developments, an Iraqi military spokesman cited by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio stated that the naval forces are determined to continue the blockade of Khark Island and the major Iranian ports in the Gulf through full coordination with the Air Force. The Iraqi naval commander added that the naval forces have complete control of the maritime operations area and the Iraqi Navy has hit 170 "targets" during the war, INA reported. In a related report, Gulf shipping sources disclosed that Iran is unloading storage reservoirs on Khark Island and has stopped ships from anchoring there in expectation of major Iraqi attacks, according to the Kuwaiti paper *AL-QABAS*. However, the Bushehr Province governor general said that oil exports from Khark are continuing at a "normal" rate, IRNA reported.

Iranian statements — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, in his 'Id al-Fitr address broadcast by Tehran radio, said those who advise compromising with Iraq are either ignorant or are agents; compromising with an oppressor is allowing the continuation of oppression. He also warned Islamic governments that the war would bring them to ruin if it were extended, and advised them not to get involved. In a related warning during his 'Id al-Fitr sermon reported by IRNA, President 'Ali Khamene'i advised Iran's neighbors to understand their status and realize their weaknesses and vulnerabilities. He also said that Iran will "act more and more intensely" against Egypt, and that Iran would have the upper hand if there were a confrontation between the two, according to Tehran radio.

Egypt

Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali will become the new prime minister, according to MENA citing the newspaper *MAY*. The new Cabinet, which should be named after 1 week, is expected to include new individuals, MENA added.

Libya

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, in an 'Id al-Fitr speech reported by JANA, stressed that able-bodied young men wishing to undertake the pilgrimage to Mecca bear the responsibility of fighting and liquidating any enemy "stray dogs" they encounter there. The blood of those "renegades" assisting America can "legitimately" be shed because America is the enemy of God and its agents must be killed wherever they are, Al-Qadhdhafi stated.

Lebanon

Israeli Activities — The Israeli authorities detained nine passengers from a Cyprus-Beirut ferry which was intercepted by the Israeli Navy on 29 June and forced to sail to Haifa, Jerusalem radio reported. The ferry was intercepted because "of suspicions that it would be used to carry out hostile activities," according to an Israeli Foreign Ministry statement reported by the radio. The Israeli action was within the framework of the Israeli security forces' continuing antiterrorist activities, the statement added. After spending 10 hours in Haifa, the ferry was permitted to resume its journey to Beirut without the nine detainees, Beirut radio noted. The radio described the seizure of the ship as "piracy."

In another development, Jerusalem radio announced that Tyre and Sidon ports would reopen on 2 July after being closed for more than a week while the IDF carried out "security measures" in the ports. Earlier, Beirut radio cited reports that the Israelis had arrested 200 Amal Movement members in a Shi'ite town near Tyre following an attack on a joint patrol of the IDF and the army of southern Lebanon.

Al-Biqa' Valley — Israeli positions in the valley came under fire from Syrian positions, according to a 1 July report by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. Meanwhile, Damascus radio warned that Israeli reinforcements in the Al-Biqa' provide fresh evidence of Israel's intention to attack Syrian Forces in Lebanon in order to preserve its military superiority. However, such an "aggression" would be a serious mistake because Syria is capable of teaching the enemy a lesson it will not forget, the radio contended.

Beirut Security Situation — The Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has begun withdrawing its heavy weapons from Beirut in order to pave the way for the implementation of the security plan later this week, Beirut radio reported. The PSP operation began on 30 June and is expected to take several days, Voice of Lebanon radio noted. Nevertheless, violent clashes continued across the combat lines over the weekend, according to Beirut radio, and 22 people were killed or injured in shelling on 29 June. The Voice of Lebanon said that indiscriminate shelling of East Beirut caused heavy casualties on 1 July.

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Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad sent Jordanian King Husayn a congratulatory cable on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, Radio Monte Carlo reported citing PETRA.

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Gandhi Appeals for Restoration of Brotherhood

BK291355 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 84

[Text] The prime minister has cautioned the people against the malicious propaganda that injustice is being done to the Sikhs and they are not being given equal opportunities. Mrs Gandhi was addressing separately a women's delegation from different parts of Punjab and a delegation of the Akali Dal, Tara Singh group, led by its president, Mr Kuldip Singh, in New Delhi today. She said Sikhs are well represented in the civil services, the Armed Forces, and other fields. Exhorting the people to forget the sad and painful events in Punjab, the prime minister appealed for restoring an atmosphere of brotherhood and amity among all communities.

Continuing Coverage of Sikh-Government Confrontation

Ultimatum on Troop Withdrawal

BK300830 Hong Kong AFP in English 0815 GMT 30 Jun 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, June 30 (AFP) — The Sikh party Akali Dal today gave the government 16 days to withdraw security forces from the Golden Temple in Amritsar, after which it said Sikh suicide squads would have to get them out.

An Akali spokesman announced the ultimatum to newsmen today after a marathon party meeting in Amritsar, adding that "otherwise Sikh sacrificial squads will march towards Amritsar from Punjab villages to liberate the shrine."

The meeting, attended by senior party leaders, was the party's first since Indian troops stormed the holiest of Sikh shrines on June 6 to flush out militants using it as their base for a bloody separatist campaign. Over 500 people, including 92 soldiers, were killed in the operation, described as the single biggest anti-terrorist operation in the world.

Meanwhile in Gaughati, capital of the troubled northeastern state of Assam, it was announced that at least 12 militants had surrendered to the government during the past two weeks. They surrendered with 28 pipe guns, Assam Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia said.

The militants had been active in a four-your-old campaign for the detection and deportation of immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, which called a 24-hour road blockade last week. In February 1983 over 3,500 people were killed in an escalation of the protest during a Assam election campaign.

A spokesman for the Akali party's Delhi state unit, which claims a membership of 200,000, said that, if asked, it would send Sikh volunteers to Amritsar to join the proposed March on July 16. "We hope good sense will prevail on the government and the security forces will be withdrawn from the temple before that date," he said.

Spokesman Rajinder Kaur, a former member of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament, said the Amritsar meeting was attended by some prominent Sikh leaders and some 100 district-level heads.

In a significant development, the party decided that from now on the Sikh campaign would be led collectively. In a resolution passed at the meeting, it appointed an 11-member committee "to look after the working of the party following arrest of top leaders."

The regular Akali president, Harchand Singh Longowal, and a number of other Sikh leaders are already behind bars and the government arrested acting President Ujagar Singh Shekhwan too earlier this week.

Among four other resolutions passed, the meeting demanded that repairs to damaged parts of the ancient complex be handed over to the temple committee. It congratulated Sikhs who had resigned their jobs and returned government titles in protest at the Army action. It also condemned the assault and described those killed in the operation as "shameeds" or martyrs.

A government spokesman here refused to comment on the Sikh party's ultimatum. But sources close to the government said that it would not be difficult for the administration to withdraw security forces from inside the Golden Temple by July 15. The temple is now open for a fixed period of two hours every morning.

Meanwhile, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) News Agency said in a dispatch from the industrial district of Ludhiana that a retired Sikh soldier killed two people in the village of Swadi Kalan outside Ludhiana town last night. Surjit Singh threw two hand grenades and fired a 12-bore gun, killing the two on the spot. The identities of the victims were not immediately known.

Search for Clandestine Radios

BK010811 Hong Kong AFP in English 0754 GMT 1 Jul 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Text] New Delhi, July 1 (AFP) — Indian police in Punjab and the adjoining state of Himachal Pradesh have started a massive combing operation to locate clandestine radio stations being used by Sikh militants, official sources said today. The police are being aided by experts from the Indian Army.

Meanwhile, UNITED NEWS OF INDIA (UNI) reported the arrest of 78 suspected Sikh militants in the Punjab by the police and Army during the past 24 hours, while an Army chief said the military operation in Punjab was not yet finished.

The Army moved into Punjab on June 2 to crush a militant Sikh campaign for political and religious concessions. Four days later they stormed the militants' stronghold in the Golden Temple at Amritsar, with the loss of 500 lives, including 92 soldiers.

Officials coordinating the combing operation said several radio messages from the clandestine stations had been intercepted in

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Lebanon

Security Plan — The Lebanese Army took up positions at Beirut airport and port and along both sides of the contact lines as gunmen withdrew from the areas without incident, the Army Command announced in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio on 4 July. The Army also began deploying throughout Beirut prior to the reopening of the crossing points, the statement added. Voice of Lebanon radio said 11 crossing points will reopen on 5 July with the port and airport to reopen the following day "if all goes well." Both the Amal Movement and the Lebanese Forces had removed their heavy weapons from the contact lines prior to the Army's operation on 4 July, Beirut radio noted.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the security plan in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio following a Cabinet meeting in Bikfayya. Minister of State for Southern Affairs and Reconstruction Nabih Birri likewise praised the successful results of the security plan, adding that plans should now be made to reopen the southern coastal road in order to avert any "surprises" that might result from an Israeli withdrawal, according to the radio.

One obstacle to the successful conclusion of the security plan in Beirut is continuing Palestinian-Shi'ite tension which led to armed clashes on 4 July, Radio Free Lebanon stated. In a related development, a PLO source in Tunis cited by Radio Monte Carlo announced that "unidentified armed elements" fired indiscriminately at Palestinians in Burj al-Barajinah, killing three people and wounding eight others. The spokesman called on the Lebanese Government to protect the Palestinian camps.

In another development, 20 people were killed and 55 were wounded in clashes between rival factions in the northern city of Tripoli, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio reported.

Israeli, PFLP-GC POW's — Israel and the PFLP-GC have agreed to allow International Red Cross representatives to visit prisoners captured by both sides in Lebanon, Jerusalem radio reported citing an Austrian communique. Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir subsequently said the agreement generates optimism that Israelis held by the PFLP-GC will be returned, the radio reported.

Syria

Defense Minister Mustafa Talas' comments on the abolishment of the defense companies are "inaccurate," and media reports on Vice President Rif'at al-Asad's dismissal and temporary exile are baseless, "a person close to" Al-Asad asserted in a statement to AFP reported by Radio Monte Carlo.

Gulf Conflict

Aircraft Losses — Iranian naval forces shot down an Iraqi helicopter west of Khorramshahr, a military communique broadcast by Tehran radio reported. A communique broadcast by Baghdad radio reported that all Iraqi helicopter gunships returned safely from combat missions east of Basra, and a military spokesman cited by INA denied that a helicopter was downed. Earlier, an Iranian spokesman called Iraq's claimed downing of an Iranian F-14 on 1 July a "mere lie," IRNA reported. He stressed that all Iranian fighters returned to their bases safely after carrying out their missions on 1 July.

Attacked Vessels — Lloyd's insurance sources have confirmed that the 1 July Iraqi missile attack hit five vessels, INA reported: two Greek vessels, including the *Alexander II*; the South Korean *Wonjin*; the Panamanian *Irni*; and an unnamed Iranian ship.

Iranian Claims — The director of the War Information Headquarters revealed additional details on the delivery of 2 tons of "solidified gas" to Iraq by U.S. forces in January, IRNA reported. The chemicals were transferred from California to Baghdad by two special flights via the Torrejon, Spain, Air Force base, IRNA asserted. Meanwhile, Tehran radio's Arabic service cited reports that French pilots have participated in missions in the Persian Gulf alongside "their Iraqi counterparts."

Diplomatic Developments — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz returned to Baghdad after a brief visit to Kuwait during which he held talks with his counterpart Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir on the situation in the Gulf, INA reported. In another development, Kuwaiti Defense Minister Shaykh Salim as-Sabah said his 9 July visit to Moscow will concentrate on Kuwait's requirements for advanced weapons, WAKH reported citing his remarks to Kuwaiti papers.

Iraq

President Saddam Husayn sent a congratulatory cable to President Reagan on Independence Day in which he affirmed Iraq's "eagerness to establish equal relations," INA reported.

Iran

Iran will participate in the next OPEC conference, and either an Iranian will be the next secretary general or there will be no secretary general, Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi reiterated in remarks broadcast by Tehran radio.

Tunisia-Libya

President Habib Bourguiba instructed Tunisia's representative to Libya to return to his post, Tunis radio reported. Tunisian Foreign Minister Benji Caid Essebsi affirmed Tunisia's wish to maintain "distinctive and developing relations" with Libya and revealed the establishment of a joint security committee with Libya, KUNA added.

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AFP: Army Chief of Staff To Visit U.S.

BK040920 Hong Kong AFP in English 0855 GMT 4 Jul 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Excerpt] New Delhi, July 4 (AFP) — After a gap of six years, India will next Monday send its Army chief of staff, General Arun Sridhar Vaidya, on a 10-day U.S. tour, which observers said might lead to a resumption of arms purchase talks in the future.

Defence Ministry sources said Gen. Vaidya, the first head of 960,000-strong Indian infantry to visit the United States since then Chief of Staff Gen. T.N. Raina in 1978, would inspect various U.S. defence installations. Gen. Vaidya will be the guest of the U.S. Government, the sources said.

His visit comes close on the heels of the on-going visit to the Soviet Union by a top-level Indian defence team. The team headed by air chief designate, Air Marshal L.M. Katre left for Moscow June 30 to negotiate the purchase of Soviet military hardware and domestic production of the latest Soviet fighter planes under license.

The Defence Ministry sources said that during his stay in the United States, Gen. Vaidya would meet important U.S. military leaders and defence policy planners. They, however, made it clear that the Indian Army chief was not on an arms shopping mission. "It is more a goodwill trip, but it is likely that he will have talks with U.S. leaders on the prospect of re-starting talks on the possibility of arms purchase from the United States", one source said.

Gen. Vaidya will be accompanied by his wife and a staff officer.

Gandhi, Zail Singh Greet U.S. Independence Day

BK040656 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Jul 84

[Text] The president, Giani Zail Singh, and the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, have sent messages of greetings to President Reagan on the occasion of the 208th anniversary of independence of the United States.

The president in his message expressed confidence that the friendly relations between India and the United States will be further strengthened.

Mrs Gandhi said the two peoples have a tradition of mutually beneficial contacts in several fields. This gives a firm base for widening cooperation further.

Revamping of Punjab Administration To Be Studied

BK031344 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Text] A 5-member experts committee has been set up to suggest measures to revamp and reorganize the administrative machinery in Punjab. It is headed by the former adviser to the governor of Assam, Mr R.V. Subramaniam. The other members of the committee are Mr Balakrishna (?Shetty) and Mr Iqbal Singh, both retired police officers; Mr (N.S. Shantok), member of the minorities commission; and Mr S.D. Srivastava, special secretary, bureau of public enterprises. The committee has been asked to submit its recommendations within 2 months and interim suggestions requiring urgent action within a month.

New Punjab Governor Comments on 'Normalcy'

BK031627 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 3 Jul 84

[Excerpts] In Chandigarh, Mr K.T. Satarawala was sworn in as the new governor of Punjab this evening at an impressive function at Raj Bhawan [governor's house]. The oath of office was administered by the acting chief justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Mr Justice P.C. Jain.

Later, talking to newsmen, Mr Satarawala said fully conscious of the difficult task before him, it will be his endeavor to restore normalcy in all spheres of the state activities like agriculture, industry, and education at the earliest. He said the early revamping of the state administration is also one of the priorities before him.

Seeks People's Support

BK040348 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Jul 84

[Text] The Punjab governor, Mr Satarawala, has sought the people's wholehearted support for speedily restoring normalcy. In a broadcast over Chandigarh station of All India Radio last night, he said he has great respect and affection for the people of Punjab, who have many fine qualities.

Mr Satarawala said he will try his best to restore normalcy at the earliest so that the hardworking and the brave people of the state can live in amity. He said the state administration and the law and order machinery have to be toned up for accelerating the tempo of developmental activity, which has been recently hampered.

Mr Satarawala warned all those elements, whose actions are contrary to the law of the land, that they will be dealt with sternly.

Meanwhile, the security forces have apprehended 45 more suspected terrorists from different parts of the state since yesterday. Stating this in Chandigarh today, an official spokesman said a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including 9 guns, 11 pistols and revolvers, 1 Springfield rifle, 1 .303 rifle, 2 carbines, 2 hand grenades and 400 cartridges have also been recovered. He said a large quanity of ammunition was recovered from a house yesterday behind the Akal Takht [highest seat of Sikh religion] in Amritsar.

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Gulf Conflict

Attack on Tanker — The Japanese-chartered tanker *Primrose* was hit during a missile attack east of Qatar, KUNA reported citing maritime sources. While Tokyo NHK television reported that eyewitnesses identified the attacking plane as Iranian, Tehran radio referred to an "unidentified aircraft" when reporting the incident,citing Gulf maritime sources.

Oil Transport — The UAE is planning to build an oil pipeline from Abu Dhabi to the Arabian Sea, bypassing the Hormuz Strait, OPECNA reported. Reacting to such moves, Iranian Petroleum Minister Mohammad Gharazi said that countries are being forced by others to spend vast sums of money on these projects and on arming themselves for aerial protection, Tehran radio reported. Iran is committed to ensuring Gulf shipping security; if the Gulf states halt their support for Iraq, its regime would be toppled and security would then be ensured, he stressed. Commenting on attempts to disrupt Iranian oil shipments, Gharazi asserted that no one is able to prevent Iran from exporting oil; besides, Iran has contingency plans to run the country without oil if that becomes necessary, he added. Meanwhile, the Iranian Petroleum Ministry denied a report that Gharazi had confirmed that the Khark oil terminal had been damaged by Iraq, IRNA reported.

Lebanon

Security Plan — The implementation of the second phase of the security plan continued with the removal of barriers throughout the capital, Beirut radio reported. Despite having many misgivings on the plan's ultimate purposes, a pro-Iranian Shi'ite group, the Hezbollah, announced that it would withdraw from the contact lines in order to fulfill the people's desire for security and stability, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio reported.

Meanwhile, leaders of Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah Palestinian camps and leaders of the Amal Movement met in order to contain clashes that occurred between them, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Security reports cited by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon added that Amal gunmen have not yet withdrawn from the vicinity of the camps.

In other security developments, clashes continued between rival factions in Tripoli, Beirut radio reported. Security sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio said the clashes resulted in 41 dead and 125 wounded. In an attempt to end the fighting, the Northern Coordination Committee will meet under the chairmanship of the Tripoli mayor, Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon added.

South Lebanon — The "national resistance front" attacked two civilian cars near Ma'rakah, killing six Israeli intelligence men, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio reported.

PLO Affairs

The 28 June Aden agreement between Fatah and the Democratic Alliance will be officially announced in Algiers on 10 July, KUNA reported citing Palestinian informed sources in Tunisia. A 17 July meeting will then call for a PNC meeting, KUNA added. Meanwhile, PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum presided over a meeting in Damascus between the Democratic Alliance and the National Alliance, Radio Monte Carlo reported citing an informed Palestinian source. A National Alliance source asserted that the alliance remains committed to the removal of Yasir 'Arafat from the PLO leadership and that the Alliance will not attend any PNC meetings until this has been done, Radio Monte Carlo added. Along these lines, a National Alliance spokesman cited by Radio Monte Carlo said that the 28 June Aden agreement is not a suitable basis for a comprehensive national dialogue and that the alliance is not committed to any actions taken at the Aden and Algiers meetings.

In a related development, Faruq Qaddumi, PLO Political Department head, had a meeting in Damascus with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, KUNA reported. According to Palestinian sources close to Qaddumi, the talks dealt with Palestinian developments and Palestinian-Syrian relations, particularly Damascus-Fatah ties. In addition, a Fatah Central Committee delegation will arrive in Damascus next week to participate in the dialogue between the National Alliance and the Democratic Alliance, QNA reported citing Democratic Alliance responsible sources.

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U.S., Chinese Chemical Weapons

LD060908 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0451 GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, July 5 BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes: The U.S. imperialism, under the guise of propaganda of the human rights, peace and freedom, has violated all international norms and human rights and has committed shameful crimes towards the peoples of the world including the use of chemical weapons. The world has not forgotten the chemical rain, spread by the criminal U.S. imperialism on the people of Indochina.

The world has also not forgotten that such lethal weapons made in the USA were confiscated in our country from the counterrevolutionary bands.

Our people have not forgotten that hundreds of children and youth were poisoned and harmed by the criminal substances used by the lackeys of the USA in the schools of Kabul city.

Putting lethal weapons of U.S. make at the disposal of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries is nothing new. However, the U.S. imperialism wants to deny this shameful reality.

The documents, confiscated by the security forces of the DRA from the counterrevolution, show that the criminal ambition of imperialism and counterrevolution has not only lessened, but on the contrary as the USA and China put the chemical weapons at the disposal of the counterrevolutionaries and train to use them against the people of Afghanistan. [sentence as received]

One of these documents is a letter, signed by Gulbuddin, addressed to a ringleader of the Islamic band, named Farouq Mansou, the so-called commander of the band in Logar Province. In this letter, Gulbuddin informed that a large number of weapons as different cannons, heavy machine guns, assorted rockets, including anti-war and land rockets, anti-personnel and anti-building mines and poisoning chemical grenades were sent to the Islamic Party by the international friends.

To enable mujahidin to use them in a good desirable manner directives are to be given.

For that purpose send as soon as possible three to five persons from every committee to Peshawar or, in case of need, from every guerrilla group in order to get professional training, which is provided there with the help of experts of the friendly countries of the USA and China. [sentence as received]

Another document is a letter with the signature of Sayed Ahmad Gailani, a ringleader of the so-called Mehaz Milli Islami of Afghanistan addressed to his accomplices inside the country said:

The poisoning chemical substances, sent to you, must be used very carefully. All poisoned people are to be sent to Peshawar as soon as possible for the propaganda purposes.

The third document is a letter from the Harakate Islami band addressed to the ringleader in Farah Province. The letter says: "You should hand the chemical substances over to the person, who had been introduced earlier, as soon as possible, to be used according to the previous plan in envisaged places".

The self-explanatory documents state explicitly that the USA and its allies and servants continue to expand the use of the most horrible chemical weapons against the people of the DRA.

The enemy has not separately but, simultaneously and systematically and technically, started the use of chemical weapons against the innocent residents.

The U.S. imperialism tries to cover these crimes with its periodical propaganda and in order to conceal its crimes and cover the use of chemical weapons by the counterrevolutionary bands in Afghanistan has launched waves of accusations of others.

The USA has always tried hard to prepare forged proofs as if the Armed Forces of the DRA and the limited contingents of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan use the chemical weapons. All efforts of the U.S. imperialism in this way have remained fruitless.

No propaganda campaign is able to exonerate the U.S. imperialism and the counterrevolution of the shameful and horrible crimes, which they committed against the innocent people of Afghanistan.

These shocking documents show to the people of the world where the United States, China and their allies and the counterrevolutionary bands of Afghanistan have advanced in their crimes against the people and human conscience, and to which borders they have expanded the undeclared war against the DRA.

Pakistani-Based Financial Assistance

LD060847 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 1415 GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, July 5, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, foreign minister of Pakistan visited a number of western European countries some times ago. Italy was also included in the plan. The trip took place after a series of visits made by the high-ranking representatives of Washington and China as well as the representatives of some other countries to Islamabad and after the visit of Yaqub Khan to the United States.

It was expected that the negotiating sides would discuss the current important issues of the world including the elimination of the dangers of nuclear confrontations, easing of the world tension, the development of mutual commercial, economic and cultural relations. However, the sides of the talks paid more attention to the expansion of the undeclared war against the independent and democratic state of the DRA which is a member of the United Nations and Non-aligned Movement.

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan asked for further material and financial assistance from the Western countries, financial assistance from the Western countries to the Afghan counterrevolutionary ele-

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Lebanon

All roads between East and West Beirut were open on 10 July following the decision by the committee of relatives of kidnapped and missing persons to transfer their sit-in from the crossing points to the mufti's office, Beirut radio reported. The committee decided to end its blockade of the crossing points after holding contacts with President Amin al-Jumayyil, who promised that its demand for the release of missing persons will be given top priority during the forthcoming Cabinet meeting. Air traffic to and from the airport was resumed after being suspended because of the closure of the airport road, according to the radio.

In another security development, gunmen from the "As-Sadr Brigades" kidnapped the head of the Libyan People's Bureau in West Beirut and subsequently warned other Libyan diplomats to leave the city in an anonymous telephone call to the bureau, Beirut radio reported. The kidnapped diplomat was later released and taken to the Lebanese-Syrian border, according to informed sources cited by AFP. Meanwhile, the Army's 6th Brigade was compelled to withdraw from one area of West Beirut because of the presence of "Hezbollah" gunmen on the streets, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon asserted.

As for Lebanon's relations with Syria, Beirut radio reported that government ministers Nabih Birri and Walid Junblatt will visit Damascus on 12 July to discuss political and security issues with the Syrian leaders. Lebanese sources in Damascus cited by Radio Monte Carlo linked their visit with moves to reopen the Beirut-Damascus highway.

PLO Affairs

PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat left Jordan after a "positive" meeting with King Husayn in an atmosphere of "brotherliness and understanding," Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported. The results of Palestinian-Jordanian moves at all levels were discussed. While in Jordan, 'Arafat disclosed that Palestinian factions are expected to meet on 10 July to sign a political and organizational agreement, the radio added. In additional remarks reported by the Amman paper *JORDAN TIMES*, 'Arafat said that talks between the PLO's Faruq Qaddumi and Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad were "successful" and that Syrian-Palestinian relations are "improving." Along these lines, efforts are being made to organize a meeting in Geneva between 'Arafat and Syrian Vice President Rif'at al-Asad, according to sources on the latter's staff cited by AFP.

Meanwhile, the meeting in Damascus between the National Alliance and the Democratic Alliance continued in a "volatile" fashion, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The dialogue between the two groups may be suspended until further notice unless new developments arise, the radio added.

In a related development, the Fatah representative in Kuwait affirmed to the Kuwaiti paper *AL-QABAS* that Damascus has placed Fatah "dissident" Nimr Salih under house arrest because of differences with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam.

Jordan

During the first round of talks between King Husayn and French President Francois Mitterrand, Husayn explained the various threats and developments in the region, Amman television reported. Jordanian and French viewpoints were "identical" on the issues discussed, the television added. In his banquet speech broadcast by Amman television, Husayn pointed out the problems of the Iran-Iraq war and Israeli "aggression." He praised France's policies and called for the reactivation of the UN Security Council's role, including negotiations based on Resolution 242. In his reply broadcast by the television, Mitterrand praised Jordan's economic development and said that French policy is based on presence, cooperation, and peace. He pointed out the importance for states to live within secure borders, the right of all peoples to decide their future, and his regrets that the Iran-Iraq war is continuing.

Kuwait-USSR

After his first round of talks in Moscow with USSR Defense Minister Dmitriy Ustinov, Kuwaiti Defense Minister Shaykh Salim as-Sabah confirmed that the Soviet leadership is willing to consider all of Kuwait's requests for various types of weapons, Kuwait radio reported citing KUNA.

Iran

A new clandestine radio, Radio of the Toiling People of Iran, broadcast on 7 July a recent Tudeh Party Central Committee statement condemning the Iranian regime's policies concerning the war with Iraq and repression inside the country. The radio announced a mailing address identical with the pro-Soviet clandestine Radio Iran Courier (Peyk-e Iran), last heard in 1976.

Afghanistan

In the past week Afghan Communications Minister Mohamman Aslam Watanjar has been shot and wounded by Defense Minister Abdol Qader, and Finance Minister Abdol Wakil may have been assassinated, AFP reported, citing Western diplomatic sources.

Afghan President Babrak Karmal, meanwhile, has left for the USSR in order to undergo a "general physical check-up," Kabul radio reported.

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Reports on SARC Meeting in Male, Maldives

Indian, Pakistani Ministers Arrive

BK100128 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Jul 84

[Text] The foreign ministers of India and Pakistan — Mr Narasimha Rao and Mr Yaqub Khan — today had an exchange of views mainly on international developments and issues likely to come up at the meeting of the South Asian Regional Cooperation [SARC] countries in Male. They spent 4 hours together aboard the special Indian Airlines Boeing which took them to Maldives for the SARC ministerial meeting opening tomorrow. Mr Yaqub Khan flew into Delhi this morning and joined Mr Narasimha Rao for the flight to Male, the capital of Maldives.

The All-India Radio special correspondent, Manohar Takroo, reports from Male that Mr Yaqub Khan emphasized that interference in India's internal affairs does not serve Pakistan's own interest. He referred to last week's hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane and said the incident, though unfortunate, showed how the two countries can cooperate in tackling common problems with goodwill.

Mr Narasimha Rao and Mr Yaqub Khan were received at the Male airport by the Maldives foreign minister, Mr Fathulla Jameel. In a brief airport statement, Mr Rao expressed happiness at the progress of the South Asian regional cooperation. He said Maldives is an island of peace, and both India and Maldives are determined that the Indian Ocean should become a zone of peace. The foreign ministers of seven countries — Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and India — are meeting tomorrow at the beach resort of Villingili to review the progress made so far and draw up a program of action for the future.

Later speaking at a dinner hosted for the foreign ministers of the SARC, Mr Narasimha Rao emphasized the need for the South Asian countries to work together in the present times of fear and distrust. Mr Rao recalled the integrated program of action launched by them when they met in New Delhi in August last. Mr Rao said though much of work (?which was) visualized has happened, a lot still remains to be done. He expressed the hope that tomorrow's meeting will further consolidate cooperation in the region.

Yaqub Khan Speaks on Arrival

BK100122 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 9 Jul 84

[Excerpts] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan has now arrived at Male to lead the Pakistani delegation at the South Asian Regional Cooperation meeting beginning tomorrow. In a statement at the airport he said that the process of regional cooperation has proved its usefulness to achieve the desired objectives through collective efforts of the member countries. We have come to attend the session with a positive perception and the spirit to sincerely implement the ideology of regional cooperation.

Referring to progress in South Asian regional cooperation, he said that we are justified in expressing satisfaction over the pace of progress achieved so far in mutually beneficial cooperation among South Asian countries.

Earlier on arrival at Male, the Maldives external affairs minister, Fathulla Jameel, received the Pakistan foreign minister. Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao accompanied him. The two foreign ministers, while flying from New Delhi to the Maldives, exchanged views on bilateral issues faced by the two countries. They also considered regional cooperation.

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Gulf Conflict

A "large maritime target" in an Iranian oil field was attacked by Iraqi naval and air units, according to a military spokesman cited by Baghdad radio. The radio had earlier cited Lloyd's Insurance Company reports that the UK tanker *British Renown* was hit by two missiles east of Bahrain. Baghdad radio linked this earlier attack to recent attacks on tankers by Iranian aircraft and cited a REUTER report that Iranian reconnaissance aircraft were seen over the ship 50 minutes before the attack. Shipping sources in Manama cited by Tehran radio stated that the UK tanker was attacked between Saudi Arabia and Iran by "unidentified aircraft."

Kuwait-USSR Arms Talks

Kuwaiti Defense Minister Shaykh Salim as-Sabah held another round of talks in Moscow with his Soviet counterpart Marshal Dmitriy Ustinov, Kuwait radio reported. Shaykh Salim stated that a senior Soviet delegation will be sent to Kuwait as liaison for the military matters agreed upon during this visit, KUNA added. Shaykh Salim also disclosed that three joint Soviet-Kuwaiti technical committees, which specialize in air and ground weapons, have been formed, according to KUNA, citing the Kuwaiti paper *AL-QABAS*. However, the Kuwaiti paper *AL-ANBA'*, cited by KUNA, reported that Shaykh Salim denied that his visit will include the signing of Soviet weapons contracts for the GCC forces.

Lebanon

Libyan Bureau Explosion — Armed men of the "As-Sadr Brigades" dynamited the Libyan People's Bureau in West Beirut early on 11 July after forcing their way into the building and overpowering Lebanese guards and Libyan staff, AFP reported. The attackers removed their captives to a safe distance from the building and then detonated dynamite placed in the bureau's elevator shaft. Noting that the explosion precedes Libyan Foreign Liaison Secretary 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki's scheduled visit to Beirut, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said the As-Sadr Brigades have warned Lebanese officials against receiving At-Turayki and have threatened to prevent his visit.

Afram on Reforms — The Lebanese Forces will "politically resist" the government's attempt to give Muslims a greater share of power in a unified and centralized Lebanon, Lebanese Forces Commander Fadi Afram stated in remarks reported by Radio Free Lebanon. He reaffirmed his support for a decentralized system of government.

Syrian-Israeli Talks Denial — SANA's political editor denied "completely unfounded" Western reports that Syria has held talks with Israel on the security issue in Lebanon.

PLO Affairs

Recognition of Palestinian rights must precede any consideration of Israel's right to exist, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat stated at a press conference in Geneva reported by SPA. The PLO leader's remarks followed his meeting with UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Reports that 'Arafat might also meet with Syrian Vice President Rif'at al-Asad in Geneva were "not confirmed," according to AFP.

Israeli, Palestinian POW's

The PFLP-GC has expressed willingness to release its three Israeli POW's within 24 hours if Israel releases PFLP-GC prisoners in exchange, Jerusalem radio disclosed in a report on a PFLP-GC news conference in Damascus. In remarks broadcast by the radio, the head of the Israeli team dealing with the POW issue took a "positive" view of the PFLP-GC's declared willingness to negotiate a POW exchange, though he added that Israel has not yet received the Palestinian organization's proposals through the International Red Cross. Israel is holding 121 men from the PFLP-GC, the radio noted.

In another development, Defense Minister Moshe Arens announced that Israel is willing to exchange its DFLP prisoners for Israeli Druze soldier Samir As'ad, Jerusalem radio reported. Arens said Israel has no confirmation of the DFLP's claim that As'ad was killed in an Israeli air raid near Tripoli.

Diplomatic Developments

Mitterrand in Jordan — French President Francois Mitterrand held his second round of talks with Jordan's King Husayn, Amman radio reported. In a news conference broadcast by Amman television, Mitterrand repeated his call for a Middle East conference that includes all parties, pointed out that although France supports Iraq it is not hostile to Iran, and explained that official French-PLO relations lack "certain elements" regarding the PLO's stands concerning Israel and terrorism.

Syria-Iran Relations — Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati and his Syrian counterpart Faruq ash-Shar' discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations during a meeting in Damascus reported by Damascus radio. Commenting on his visit, Velayati said he is bearing a message from Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i to Syria's President Hafiz al-Asad, the radio noted.

Al-Qadhdhafi Messages — Libyan envoys have visited a number of Arab capitals, including Damascus and Riyadh, to deliver written messages to Arab leaders from Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi concerning "joint Arab action," according to JANA reports.

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Counterrevolutionaries Crushed in Baghlan, Faryab

LD091638 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 9 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul 9 Jul (BAKHTAR) — A source from Baghlan Province's security forces reported to BAKHTAR that recently as a result of successful operations carried out by the militant security forces in Nahrin District of Baghlan Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and nine were captured. Similarly, during operations in that province, a number of armed rebels belonging to the so-called Hezb-e Islami were crushed and a quantity of weapons, ammunition, and antistate documents were seized from them.

According to another report, Mohammad Hashem Yaghish, ringleader of Enqelab-e Islami band, recently surrendered to security authorities in Andkhvoy District of Faryab Province. He also surrendered a quantity of weapons.

Kabul Denies Shortages of Food Supplies

LD091743 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Jul 84

[Text] An adequate supply of foodstuffs is available throughout the country and in Kabul city, and it is being supplied at a suitable price. There is no need whatsoever for anxiety about a shortage of foodstuffs.

Speaking to a Radio Afghanistan reporter, a source from Kabul municipality said: I would say that compared with recent years there is a large amount of foodstuffs available in Kabul city and in its markets. Food is being brought to Kabul city from the provinces. For example, according to statistics which we have just received today, in the central market alone there are 6,000 tons of foodstuffs, and in the Mir Ways Maydan 2,500 tons of foodstuffs are available. Similarly, in other markets, there are about 10,000 tons of foodstuffs such as lentils, rice, chick peas, red beans and fine flour. In the Bagh-e Qazi market about 20,000 tons of flour and wheat are available, that is, about 10,000 tons of each. In the Morad Khani and Ariana markets about 2,000 tons of onions and potatoes are available. Therefore, I can assure you that there is no anxiety in this regard whatsoever. The noble citizens and inhabitants of Kabul city can testify to that fact that during the period of the April Revolution and particularly after its new development stage, there have been no shortages of consumer goods in Kabul city: Adequate amounts of foodstuffs have been available in Kabul city and supplied to Kabul citizens. Prices have also come down recently compared with some months ago.

Man Executed for Murder, 1981 Airline Hijacking

LD101742 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 10 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, 10 Jul (BAKHTAR) — As our compatriots know, on 2 March 1981 a Pakistani Airline Boeing 727 made an emergency landing at Kabul International Airport. It was subsequently realized that the aircraft had been hijacked by a person named Mohammad Salamollah, son of Eslamollah, known as 'Alamgir.

Concerning the incident, the DRA — in accordance with its international pledges and consideration for the fraternal relations with the people of Pakistan, and disregarding political issues concerning the Government of Pakistan — took a series of measures which resulted in the children, women, and sick passengers being rescued from the hands of the hijackers.

Despite all these humanitarian efforts the hijacker known as 'Alamgir, threatening to blow up the plane, did not show any flexibility. This fact has been indicated in the substantial documents and the protocol which the Pakistani delegation signed with the Afghan authorities in which they expressed thanks for the good efforts and cooperation of the Afghan Government and authorities. After making threats and murdering a passenger on the plane, the hijackers took off from Kabul Airport and left DRA airspace.

However, 2 years later, on 15 March 1983, a murder took place in Kabul city. The security forces following the murder case arrested the murderer. During the investigation it was discovered that the murderer was the above-mentioned 'Alamgir, who had hijacked the plane, and the victim was a man named Parwez from the Shinwari tribe. The murderer 'Alamgir confessed that he had illegally entered Afghanistan via Pakistan and was armed at the time of entry.

After the completion of the investigation concerning the hijacking and taking of hostages, the murder of one of the plane's passengers, illegal entry into the DRA, and murder, his file was sent to an authorized court for judicial assessment. As a result of the judicial finding based on substantial criminal documents and the confession of the 'Alamgir as a [word indistinct] and a criminal, 'Alamgir was sentenced to death in accordance with Paragraph 2, Articles 515 and 395 of the Penal Code, for the crimes of hijacking an airplane and taking hostages, shooting one of the plane's passengers which resulted in his death, illegal reentry into Afghanistan, and committing the murder of another person, Parwez Shinwari, while in the DRA.

The death sentence has been carried out in accordance with Article 58 of the basic principles of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

Soviets Said To Control Only 30 Percent of Panjsher

GF090635 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 9 Jul 84

[Text] The Afghan resistance asserted yesterday that the Soviet forces only succeeded in capturing a small part of Panjsher valley in northern Afghanistan. A spokesman for the Jami'at-e Islami, one of the resistance organizations in Islamabad, noted that he received a message on 26 June from Commander Ahmad Shah Masud, the leader of the resistance in that region, indicating that the Soviet forces only control 30 kilometers of the Panjsher valley, which is 100 kilometers long. He added that the whole northern part of the valley is still in the hands of the mujahidin.

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Lebanon

Clashes in North — "Ferocious fighting" in the hills south of Tripoli between two pro-Syrian factions left at least 10 dead and 30 wounded, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Former President Sulayman Franjiyah's Al-Maradah organization claimed in a statement reported by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon that the organization was responding to "regrettable events" carried out by Syrian Social Nationalist Party [SSNP] gunmen aimed at attacking coexistence, demanding protection money, and assaulting and evicting citizens. On the other hand, an SSNP statement cited by the radio claimed that an "official" was attacked without reason and the SSNP therefore moved from a defensive to an offensive posture. Prime Minister Rashid Karami met with deputies in order to find a way to end the fighting, Beirut radio reported, and Idhin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon reported that Franjiyah met with an envoy of Syrian President al-Asad.

Libyan Envoy — Libyan Foreign Liaison Secretary 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki departed for Damascus and Jordan after meeting with Prime Minister Karami, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported. At-Turayki had earlier met with President Amin al-Jumayyil and he disclosed in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio that he had delivered a message to President al-Jumayyil from Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi concerning joint Arab action. At-Turayki also stated that his recent visit to Syria was "successful." Amal Movement sources cited by Beirut radio denied a Voice of Lebanon radio report that At-Turayki had met with Minister of State for the South and Reconstruction Nabih Birri while both men were in Damascus.

Syria

Diplomacy — Foreign Minister Faruq ash-Shar' began talks with his French counterpart Claude Cheysson, Damascus television reported. Before the talks, Cheysson stressed the importance of Syria's role in the region and stated that he is carrying a message for President Hafiz al-Asad from French President Francois Mitterrand, Damascus radio noted. In separate meetings in Damascus, visiting Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati met with Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm and PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum, Damascus radio and IRNA reported respectively.

Domestic Affairs — Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, who had met with Minister Velayati on 11 July, escaped an assassination attempt on 9 July, according a Voice of Lebanon radio "exclusive report." In another "exclusive," the radio reported that Brigadiers General 'Ali Haydar and Shafiq Fayyad returned to Damascus after an absence of about 1 month and that Vice President Rif'at al-Asad is expected to return "soon."

Gulf Conflict

Kuwait strongly protested to Iran the latter's "seizure and search" of a Kuwaiti ship, according to KUNA citing the Kuwaiti paper *AL-ANBA'*. Iranian authorities seized the vessel *Ibn Rushd* as it entered the Strait of Hormuz on 7 July, the paper explained, and escorted it to Bandar-e 'Abbas in Iran.

PLO Affairs

The "Aden document," the agreement recently concluded between Fatah and the four-faction Democratic Alliance, calls for a "collective action leadership" to handle the PLO's decision-making in periods between Executive Committee meetings and stipulates that the Executive Committee shall elect deputies for its chairman, according to the text of the document as published by the Amman paper *SAWT ASH-SHA'B*. Without mentioning the committee chairman, Yasir 'Arafat, the document condemned his visit to Cairo as a violation of PNC resolutions and stressed that the PLO is not bound by any results or commitments resulting from the visit. The document confirmed the PLO's commitment to the Baghdad summit's call for a boycott of the Camp David accords and suspension of all political contacts with Egypt. While favoring the establishment of relations with Jordan on the basis of PNC resolutions, it rejected any solution to the Palestinian question based on the Reagan plan, "territorial compromise," or the Israeli Labor Party's "Jordanian option." As for "last year's bloody incidents in the Palestinian arena," the document condemned the use of arms to resolve disputes within the PLO and rejected all attempts to split the organization or "fake" alternative leaders for it. All the Palestinian national forces should take joint action to "reactivate all PLO institutions" in Lebanon and to reorganize and reunify the refugee camps in that country. In conclusion, the document stated that the latest date for the next PNC session should be 15 September 1984.

Meanwhile, a Democratic Alliance delegation left for Algiers to sign the agreement, Radio Monte Carlo reported. PFLP sources cited by the radio said that the agreement may be signed within 2 days.

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Refugees Rescue Body Condemns Iran Registration Move

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["Message" issued by the Afghan Refugees Rescue Organization concerning Afghan refugees in Iran]

[Excerpts] The Refugees Rescue Organization desires that progressive international organizations take serious measures for the normalization of events concerning Afghanistan; save helpless Afghan refugees imprisoned in the inhumane and terrifying pits named military camps; and to take benevolent and humane steps for the immediate alleviation of the helplessness of the Afghan refugees struggling with the painful tragedy of homelessness, misfortune, hunger, and illness, and facing nothing but helplessness, pain and death.

Why the refugees are being confronted with such a painful situation and why they left their homeland, homes, and their people is clear to the world public.

The ruling circles of Iran, in order to cover their treacherous deeds, have rounded up Afghans who had gone to Iran for work prior to the Afghan April Revolution and incarcerated them in camps. The Iranian authorities pay no attention to the painful life facing these refugees. Hunger, calamity, illness, joblessness, and lack of medicine and shelter are the heavy chains put around the necks of Afghan refugees by the treacherous Iranian authorities. Those Afghans who, with low wages, had been working in factories and mills were made redundant by the treacherous circles of Iran, leaving them as refugees in no position but to sell their honor.

Afghan refugees are being deprived of all human rights, and their honor and Islamic dignity have been trampled on in a most wicked manner by the Iranian Guards.

The cruel Guards, following the instruction of the treacherous Iranian authorities, are rounding up all Afghans living in Iran and restricting them to camps such as the camps in Lebanon used by the Israelis.

By issuing Iranian Government identity cards they forcibly send the deceived Afghans to fight against Iraq; they take blood from deceived women and elders for injured Iranian soldiers. If they refuse to accept identity cards, to go to the battlefront against Iraq, or donate blood, they are murdered in the hot deserts of Zahedan by the Iranian Guards. Refugee children and young persons, like new, blooming roses, are taken forcibly from their fathers and mothers and sent to the battle camps for military training, where they get killed under [words indistinct].

Afghans are also exploited [words indistinct] for crushing the movements of the risen Baluchi people, and by fanning the religious discrimination between Sunni and Shi'ite followers they forcibly put the Afghan Sunni followers under their influence.

The ruling circles of Iran, by embarking on such barbaric, inhuman and anti-Islamic actions, under the so-called name of the defense of Islam, drink the blood of Iranian and Iraqi Muslims and Afghan refugees, despite serious objections by humanitarian organizations inside and outside Iran. If the Khomeyni government is unable to act in accordance with the wishes and needs of Kurds, Baluchis and other toilers of Iran, then how can it defend the Afghans?

The rescue organization, which continuously endeavors to save Afghan refugees from this abyss of destruction and to determine their destiny, draws the attention of all well-known international and progressive organizations to this matter so that pressure can be exerted on the Pakistani and Iranian Governments to prepare the ground for the return of the Afghan refugees to their homeland.

[Signed] Refugees Rescue Organization

Soviets, DRA Suffer 31 Casualties in Emam Saheb

LD122242 Riyadh SPA in English 1910 GMT 12 Jul 84

[Text] London, July 12, SPA — Afghan mujahideen killed 12 Soviet and 19 Karmal troops and injured another 21 during guerilla attack in the front town of Emam Saheb, the AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS said.

The agency said the mujahideen attacked the town on May 27 and two of them were injured in the operation.

The Soviet planes bombed the area later, killing 11 Afghans and injuring 27. Three mosques and seven houses were also destroyed in the attack.

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Lebanon

Situation in North — No new political or security developments have been observed in the Al-Kurah area, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. The implementation of the Damascus agreement has been delayed and gunmen have not withdrawn as expected because of "certain problems," the radio added, pointing out that while the Al-Maradah organization has withdrawn in certain areas, the Syrian Social Nationalist Party (SSNP) has not made similar moves. On the other hand, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio reported "complete calm" in the Al-Kurah area following the implementation of the Damascus agreement. Al-Maradah and SSNP forces have vacated all positions set in the agreement, the radio added.

Situation in Beirut —Voice of Lebanon and Voice of Arab Lebanon report that clashes are continuing between the Ash-Shuwayfat and Kafr Shima suburbs. Lebanese newspapers continue on strike, protesting the assassination attempt against *AS-SAFIR*'s owner, according to Beirut radio.

Syria-Israel in South — Referring to the IDF radio report of Syria's willingness to hold indirect negotiations with Israel on the withdrawal of the IDF from southern Lebanon, Damascus radio said this report revealed a deliberate Israeli-U.S. "slanderous campaign" against Syria. It also revealed that the "defeatists" in Lebanon fabricate lies without hesitation, seeking revenge against Syria, the radio added.

Egypt

New Cabinet — The formation of a new Council of Ministers was announced by President Muhammad Husni Mubarak in a decree transmitted by MENA. Among the changes, Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali becomes the new prime minister, Dr Ahmad 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid replaces 'Ali as foreign minister, and Ahmad Rushdi succeeds Hasan Sulayman Abu Basha as interior minister. Dr Butrus Butrus Ghali retains his position as minister of state for foreign affairs, and Field Marshal Muhammad 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah remains as deputy prime minister and minister of defense and war production.

Chadian President — President Mubarak held talks with his Chadian counterpart Hissein Habre on numerous international issues of mutual interest and bilateral relations, MENA reported. In a joint statement carried by the agency, the two sides expressed satisfaction with the close, friendly ties and feelings of fraternity and solidarity between the two countries and peoples. Mubarak reaffirmed Egypt's support for the "legitimate" Chadian Government under President Habre, and accepted an invitation to visit Chad in the future.

Jordan-PLO

King Husayn received PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, Amman radio reported. The two sided discussed the steps they will take in light of the latest developments in the Arab and international arenas, the radio added.

Libyan Messages

The message recently sent to various Arab states from Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi concerning the establishment of Arab unity and the future of the Palestinian cause was also sent to Egypt, KUNA reported citing a Libyan envoy in Rabat. If the mission of the Libyan envoys fails, the envoy continued, Libya will resort to 'other means," including "previous revolutionary action" that had been stopped against most other Arab countries. Although he expressed hope that his country could avoid the "hard solution," he added that the situation will be "dangerous" if a collective program is not reached before the September date set by Al-Qadhdhafi.

Kuwait-Iran

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir received a message from his Iranian counterpart 'Ali Akbar Velayati, KUNA reported citing Kuwaiti press reports. The message, delivered by the Iranian charge d'affaires to Kuwait, contained an offer to begin negotiations with the GCC on the prevention of escalating the Gulf war, according to the papers.

Iraq

In a speech broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio marking the 17-30 July revolution anniversary, President Saddam Husayn pointed out to the Iranian rulers that Iraq has a far greater ability to inflict harm on Iran than Iran has against Iraq. He asserted that Iran's only source of wealth, oil, is exposed to danger following the strikes inflicted to its ports and ships by the Iraqi forces. Husayn warned Iran's "allies who claim to be Arabs" that Iraq will "deal with them accordingly," at present and in the future. In addition, Husayn described the various projects to increase oil exports via new pipelines through Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan. Regarding the pipeline through Jordan, he emphasized that Iraq has explained to "international quaarters" it does not want security guarantees based on promises subject to change and compromise. It wants "tangible guarantees" based on the "interaction of interests."

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AFP: Babrak Karmal Rumored Wounded in Shoot-Out

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[Text] Islamabad, July 17 (AFP) — Afghanistan's Soviet-backed ruler, Babrak Karmal, is rumoured to have been wounded in a shoot-out in Kabul following an altercation between two Cabinet ministers last week, Western diplomats said here today.

Mr. Karmal's hasty departure to Moscow July 9, for what regime sources described as a "general medical examination" [word indistinct] gave credence to rumours that he was also injured when Defence Minister Major General Abdul Qader shot and wounded Communications Minister Aslam Watanjar, the diplomats said.

They quoted two airport sources as saying Mr. Karmal was helped up to the plane ramp just before his departure.

The diplomats expressed scepticism over Afghan press pictures of Mr. Karmal's departure, noting they included both Mr. Watanjar and Gen. Qader. State-run television did not film the departure, they added.

They cautioned, however, that they "have no way to assess the accuracy of these rumours" about such "internecine leadership violence."

Mr. Karmal is reportedly in Moscow for about a week. The Soviet media have given no details of his engagements.

Treacherous Activities of Maoist Group Cited

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[Text] Kabul, July 15, BAKHTAR: The Chinese hegemonists not only support overtly the counter-revolutionary gangs, but also carry out broad clandestine activities against the legitimate government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The confessions of two members of the dissolved Maoist organization, "Paikar" who were arrested by the security forces of the DRA, were published by *HAQIQAT-E ENQELABE SAWR*. These confessions constitute new evidence of such treacherous activities.

Abdul Hakim, member of the Central Council of the "Paikar", told the reporter that his organization, which was formed in 1979, had been engaged in secret destructive actions against the legal state of the DRA, he said.

"The main aim of this band is carrying out subversive activities, kidnapping, terror, looting the property of the people and distribution of propagandistic leaflets against the revolutionary government."

"Maoism is not only a deviation from the ideology of the proletarian, but in action it is against it," Abdul Hakim added.

"Maoism is the ideology of the bourgeoisie and is comprised of the radical nationalist inclinations, terror and traditionalism," he said.

"Maoism, in its foreign policy, follows the trend of warmongering and anti-peace movements. The Chinese hegemonists are following the American policy. Training, arming and despatch of the mercenary cutthroat bands to the territory of the DRA for terror and destruction have become the normal policy of Maoism".

"With the realization of the truthfulness of the April revolution and the noble aspirations of the PDPA and at the same time with the perception of the decay of Maoism, we have realized the futility of the Paikar band. We therefore, proclaimed its dissolution, which is in the benefit of the working people of our country" said Abdul Hakim. He also added that considering the present situation of the country any organization other than the PDPA is doomed to defeat.

Kabul: Rebels Crushed in Various Provinces

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[Text] A source in the security forces of Paktika Province reports that a number of armed rebels were crushed as a result of successful operations in that province. The security forces seized 15 assorted weapons.

Similarly, during successful operations by the militant security forces in Gorbaz area, Khowst va Fereng, a number of armed rebels who were disrupting the peaceful lives of the noble people of that area were crushed. The security forces seized four assorted weapons from them.

According to another report, a number of rebels were eliminated in Farah Province as a result of operations there. Two of the criminals and three weapons were captured.

As a result of successful operations in Shindand district, Herat Province, 23 armed rebels, who were engaged in theft, murder, and plundering, were captured by the brave security forces.

A BAKHTAR correspondent, quoting a source of Logar Province's security force, reports that as a result of successful operations by the vigilant security forces in Kolangar district, Logar Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and 10 members of the Mahaz-e Milli band [National Front] led by Gholam Nabi were captured along with weapons and one first aid position.

Similarly, a 20-man armed rebel group was crushed as a result of operations by security forces in Takhar Province.

According to another report, our deceived compatriots who as a result of the hostile propaganda of the counterrevolutionary bands had links with the criminal Golboddin band for some time, recently taking advantage of the general amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium and the message of the nationwide meeting of the leaders of the tribes and nationalities of the country, surrendered themselves and their weapons to the security forces in Konduz Province. They have pledged to defend the gains of the Sawr Revolution and our beloved homeland, Afghanistan.

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Israel

Election Aftermath — With only the soldiers' votes to be counted on 26 July, the political "deadlock" resulting from the elections for the 11th Knesset has led the two major parties to woo the smaller parties, Jerusalem television reported. According to a television correspondent, the Labor Party is considering a national unity government in a "favorable light," although IDF radio pointed out that this does not appear to be a realistic possibility for the Alignment, which the Labor Party heads. The television correspondent added that Likud will be unable to establish a coalition without 'Ezer Weizman's Yahad Party, and the Alignment will be unable to do so without some of the religious parties. To this end, Labor Party leader Shim'on Peres conferred with National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg, and Labor's Yitzhaq Navon met with SHAS official 'Ovadya Yosef, the correspondent noted. Burg was also received by Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir on 25 July and both men expressed the hope that a national unity government will be formed, IDF radio reported. According to Jerusalem radio, Yahad also reiterated its support of a national unity government, but stressed that if such a government cannot be formed it will support an "alternative government." Meanwhile, the Hadash Party spokesman emphasized that his party will oppose both a Likud government and a national unity government, Jerusalem radio disclosed. Progressive List for Peace leader Muhammad Mi'ari added in remarks broadcast by the radio's Arabic service that his group will never cooperate with the Likud or with the "racists and radicals."

Foreign Reaction — Reacting to the Israeli election results, Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid expressed the hope that the Israeli Government will have a positive vision of peace, and will move to solve the problems regarding Lebanon, the Palestinians, and the Tabah area, Cairo radio reported. Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali added that he hopes a new, strong government will be formed as soon as possible so peace negotiations can be started.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq ash-Shar' stated that the election results reflect the crisis Israel has been experiencing since its invasion of Lebanon, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The Syrian paper *TISHRIN* added in a commentary cited by Damascus radio that there is no difference between the Likud and the Alignment on general policy, that they are "two faces of the same coin" with the common policy to usurp more Arab land and make Israel the "main instrument for implementing U.S. policy in the region."

Jordanian Foreign Minister Tahir al-Masri also asserted in a statement to WAKH that the two major parties are basically the same. He said the results reveal an "acute split" in Israeli society. An Amman radio commentary stated that in the wake of the elections, peace has become "more unattainable than ever before."

A Baghdad Voice of PLO radio commentary warned that the election results indicate that Israel cannot free itself from its critical situation without resorting to its "traditional option," war. Hopes of reaching a "certain settlement" with the Labor Party have faded, although it was always considered that the assumption of power in Israel of any party would be the same. PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi stated that the results underline the magnitude of the acute crises and difficulties afflicting Israel, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

Foreign Currency Tax — Finance Minister Yig'al Kohen-Orgad announced a 15-percent value added tax onthe purchase of foreign currency for the travel allowance and on the import of services from abroad, ITIM reported. These and other regulations concerning foreign currency supervision will apply for an interim period of 3 months, the minister added, and are aimed at stemming the "panic and unjustified premonitions" regarding devaluations of currency.

Lebanon

Closure of Israeli Mission — Israel has closed its liaison office in Ad-Dubayyah and the Israeli officials working there were flown home early on 25 July, Jerusalem radio announced. The decision was taken earlier this week by Prime Minister Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens after the Lebanese Government resolved to withdraw protection for the office. The Lebanese guards were withdrawn from the building on 24 July, the radio noted.

Commenting on the implications of the closure of Israel's mission, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by Jerusalem radio stressed that Israel will remain as free as ever to safeguard its security interests and its northern border and that it will maintain contacts with its numerous friends in Lebanon. The spokesman contended that the Lebanese Government's recent moves are against Lebanon's interests and will cause harm and suffering to the Lebanese people. Uri Lubrani, the coordinator of Israeli activities in Lebanon, told the radio that Lebanese-Israeli coordination and contacts will henceforth be more difficult, adding that under present circumstances "we will maintain our contacts only in southern Lebanon." As for the effects on trade, Lubrani pointed out that licenses for passage into southern Lebanon will no longer be obtainable in Beirut, thus presenting merchants with a "very difficult problem"

Karami Tour — Prime Minister Rashid Karami will leave for Damascus on 26 July at the start of an Arab tour including a visit to Saudi Arabia to discuss economic assistance, Beirut radio reported. In his talks with the Syrians, Karami will review the internal security situation and will seek Syrian backing for a security plan for northern Lebanon, according to Voice of Lebanon radio.

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USSR-Karmal Attack Repulsed in Qandahar

BK251053 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1000 GMT 25 Jul 84

[Text] In Afghanistan, the mujahidin are reported to have repulsed the Soviet-Karmal forces' attack launched to recapture a military post at Pashmul in Qandahar Province.

SPA on Rebel Clashes With Soviet, DRA Troops

LD221405 Riyadh SPA in English 1219 GMT 22 Jul 84

[Text] Islamabad, July 22, SPA — A Soviet Army general and 40 communist troops were killed by Afghan mujahidin in a fierce encounter in Pashmul, near Qandahar in south-eastern Afghanistan, last week, the mujahid press agency reported today.

The Peshawar-based agency of the Afghan resistance said one mujahid was killed and four others injured during the fighting.

On the other hand, the Afghan freedom fighters have shot down seven Soviet MIG aircraft and eight helicopters as their siege of Afghan government garrison at Zazi in Afghanistan's eastern Paktia Province entered its tenth week yesterday, the AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS said.

It quoted Professor Abdul Rabar-Rasool al-Sayyiaf, president of a seven-party Peshawar-based Afghan mujahidin grouping as saying that 50 Soviet Red Army officers and nearly 1,000 Afghan government troops were present in the garrison besieged by mujahidin since second week of last May.

He added that nearly 800 resistance fighters are commanding the siege and that the MIGs and helicopters were downed by them during intermittent bombing raids made by the Soviets on the mujahidin positions.

In another report, the agency said 13 Soviet-Afghan government troops were killed and two Soviet tanks destroyed during a resistance operation carried on July 12 in Tangi, near Sarowbi, east of Kabul.

One mujahid was martyred and ten others injured during the operation, it added.

SPA: 26 June Attack Detailed

LD242114 Riyadh SPA in English 1909 GMT 24 Jul 84

[Text] London, July 24 , SPA — Thirty Soviet-Karmal troops were killed and 10 military vehicles destroyed during a surprise attack launched by the mujahidin on a military convoy moving from Kabul to Gardeyz on June 26, the AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS reported.

The agency said destroyed [as received] the vehicles with rocket launchers and seized two oil tankers, a mobile workshop and a military truck.

State Assistance Provided for 7,000 Hajj Pilgrims

LD241115 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0503 GMT 24 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, July 23, BAKHTAR — Respect to the principles of Islam and their observance are a part of the state policy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Therefore, many facilities have been provided by the government to the Afghan Muslims to make hajj pilgrimage to Mecca this year. This was stated by a spokesman of the Department of Islamic Affairs of the DRA to the daily *HERAT* correspondent.

According to the directive of the Council of Ministers the DRA, seven thousand persons will go for hajj this year.

Each haji going for hajj will receive an assistance of 28 thousand afghanis from the government of the DRA in the form of subsidy in air fare and exemption from payment of service charges and donation to the Afghan Red Crescent Society. A team of five persons for rendering guidance and assistance and a medical team for providing medical services to the Afghan hajis will go to Mecca.

The services provided by both the teams will be free of charge and the entire expenditure will be borne by the government of the DRA.

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In order to resolve the current "political entanglement" that resulted from the recent elections, the Alignment leadership is contemplating an "economic unity government" headed by Shim'on Peres, the Tel Aviv paper *MA'ARIV* reported. Although the MAPAM faction of the Alignment will not block negotiations with the Likud on forming a national unity government, according to Jerusalem radio, a party communique announced that MAPAM will not participate in such talks. MAPAM members also will not participate in such a government if it were formed, the radio added. Meanwhile, Shinuy announced that it will not oppose a national unity government under the Alignment and will consider its own participation in such a government.

In related developments, Menahem Begin called for a national unity government, preferably led by Yitzhaq Shamir, and both Tehiya and Morasha announced support for a Likud-led government, either in coalition or within a national unity government, Jerusalem radio reported. Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman, in remarks broadcast by the radio, rejected an Alignment-led government in any form. SHAS leader Yitzhaq Peretz met with Shamir and then stated his support for a national unity government, IDF radio noted. He added that although SHAS has "greater sympathy" for the Likud, his bloc is open to negotiations with any party. While Agudat Yisra'el leaders Menahem Porush and Avraham Shapira also expressed sympathy for the Likud, they said that there is "absolutely no chance" of forming a national unity government, according to Jerusalem radio. The Likud continues to call for a national unity government, *MA'ARIV* points out, but Shamir has said that such a government headed by the Alignment is not a "realistic possibility." He also has said that the Likud does not plan to discuss a coalition with KAKH leader Me'ir Kahana.

Lebanon

Clashes in Tripoli — Over 15 people were killed and 60 others were wounded in a new wave of violence in the northern city of Tripoli, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Rival factions fought "ferocious" battles and engaged in artillery duels, forcing inhabitants to seek refuge in their shelters.

Beirut Security Plan — In Beirut, Prime Minister Rashid Karami announced further steps to enhance the security plan and consolidate state authority in the capital. In a statement broadcast by the Voice of Lebanon, he said the Cabinet has decided to abolish the contact line, merge personnel from Army brigades in West and East Beirut, remove armed militias "once and for all," reopen more crossing points, and enable displaced inhabitants to return to their houses in the central area. In arelated development, the Military Council decided to divide Beirut into three military zones by inserting a central zone between the eastern and western sectors, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio disclosed. The Lebanese Army will maintain an intensive military presence in the new zone.

Soviet Military Assistance — Regarding possible military assistance from the USSR, Prime Minister Karami told the Paris weekly *AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI* that Lebanon has "no qualms" about buying weapons from the Soviet Union, MENA reported.

Palestinian Affairs

During a recent meeting in Damascus, the leadership of the opposition faction within Fatah suspended the membership of two ranking leaders, Nimr Salih and Musa 'Awad, because of acute internal differences, according to an opposition movement source cited by KUNA.

Jordan

The time has come to carry out a comprehensive study of the administrative apparatus in order to evaluate its performance and eliminate any "negative aspects," King Husayn announced in a message to Prime Minister Ahmad 'Ubaydat broadcast by Amman television. He authorized 'Ubaydat to form a royal commission for administrative development which will recommend regulations and guidelines in this regard to the cabinet.

Kuwait-Hungary

Hungarian officials have expressed the Hungarian Army's readiness to cooperate with the Kuwaiti Army in all military fields, KUNA reported citing sources in the Kuwaiti defense minister's delegation to Budapest. The Kuwaiti minister held talks with his Hungarian counterpart and attended live ammunition military exercises, KUNA noted, and the two sides established working commissions to draft reports on points of mutual agreement.

Afghanistan

A Kabul radio commentary sharply attacked Iranian "interference" in Afghan internal affairs, asserting that Iran is giving weapons and training to "counterrevolutionary" bands and is seeking to create an Afghan branch of its Revolution Guards Corps. Meanwhile, the radio reported further successes by the security forces against rebel groups, announcing that several "ringleaders" were "crushed" in Qandahar and Zabol Provinces.

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Iran Intensifying Activity Against DRA

LD260715 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 25 Jul 84

[Text] A political observer of BIA writes:

Recently, the reactionary medieval regime in Iran has intensified interference in the internal affairs of our country. This interference is expanded every day in new dimensions. The rightest changes in the ruling circles of Iran, its overt and covert dealings with international imperialism, its multi-million dollar exchanges with the major capitalist countries, its rulers' closeness with reactionary regimes linked with imperialism, such as the regime of General Ziaul Haq in Pakistan and the pro-U.S. regime in Turkey — all this speeds up the process of turning Iran to the side of imperialism. The regime of the akhonds, like that of its predecessor — however, this time under the mask of the so-called export of Islamic revolution through [word indistinct] imperialism —is becoming a (?tool) for crushing freedom movements in the region.

The DRA Government, despite the hostile stand of Iran, has consistently practiced patience against various provocations by the ruling regime and has tried to make Iran recognize reality and put a stop to interference and provocations in the internal affairs of an independent and sovereign country. Also, it has been stated several times that the ruling circles in Iran must not misinterpret the patience of the DRA, which is based on its correct and principled policy and is not a sign of our weakness. However, the rulers of Tehran responsible for the anti-imperialist revolution in Iran emptied it of its popular and anti-imperialist contents and drove Iran to the periphery of imperialism. They not only did not welcome the good intentions of the DRA and did not want to recognize the hard fact of our revolution, but more than ever before the darkest forces in Iran powerfully fanned hostility against the DRA and the freedom-loving and free people of our country.

Existing facts reveal that the reactionary regime of the akhonds, which is inflicting unlimited tyranny on the people of Iran and continuing a fratricidal war against Iraq to the detriment of the people of Iran and in the interest of imperialism, trains Afghan counterrevolutionaries, supplies them with arms and money, and sends them to fratricidal war against our people. It makes indelible the shameful stain of taking part in America's undeclared war against our country, people, and revolution. The reactionary rulers of Iran conceal their chauvinist intentions under the cloak of exporting so-called Islamic revolution to other countries and try, by training, equipping, and infiltrating mercenary bands under the sacred name of Islam, to put in practice their [word indistinct] historical aims in the region.

The most recent example of interference of the reactionary medieval regime in Iran in the internal affairs of our country was recently exposed by a leader of one of the Afghanistan counterrevolutionary bands. A person by the name of 'Ali Shefa, one of the leaders of the so-called Shora-e Enqelabi-e of Etefaq-e Eslami, in an interview with VOA exposed a great number offacts concerning interference of the rulers of Iran in the internal affairs of our country, and of the chauvinist intentions and direct link of the reactionary and oppressive state of Iran with the Naser and Sepah-e Pasdar bands. He revealed that during a joint attack by the Naser and Sepah-e Pasdar on the Shora-e Etefaq-e Eslami band, they did not even bestow mercy on women and children. Along with robbing and burning the homes of members of the Shora band, they shot a large number of women.

The main point of this person's statement is the exposure of the Naser and Sepah-e Pasdar bands and their links with Iran.

The Nasers are a Maoist band which has disguised its ugly face under the mask of Islam, and so far has committed hundreds of assassinations and crimes against our innocent people. The small group Sepah-e Pasdar is a rough copy of Sepah-e Pasdaran of the reactionary regime of Iran, and is being created under the guidance and direct instruction of this assailant group which at present is ruling the body and property of Iran. The above-mentioned person in his statement explicitly mentioned that Iran has put a large quantity of weapons and ammunition at the disposal of Naser and Sepah. Only recently the Iranian Government handed over 240 weapons to Naser and Sepah, and in 1 month in the past year 420 weapons were place at their disposal.

The reactionary and inhumane government of Iran does not stop only by giving weapons to the Afghanistan counterrevolutionaries, but spies and akhonds are being sent to our country for the training of counterrevolutionary bands.

In accordance with the statement of the above person, an Iranian spy, Mohammad Akbar Karizi, has given military and combat training to 400 counterrevolutionaries in the central regions of the country.

Among the Iranian spies who were sent to our country for this purpose and from dozens of other spies, he mentioned the name of a person called Sorabi.

The list of crimes and interference of the Iranian rulers against the innocent Afghans is long. The Afghans in Iran are under most cruel and severe oppression. They are regarded as second-class people and are being sent to the slaughterhouse of the battlefront in the fratricidal war with Iraq in order to fulfill the warmongering and chauvinist lust of the Tehran regime.

These are the bitter facts of the interference of the Iranian regime in the internal affairs of our country and its hostility against our people and country.

Our people, who are increasingly determined each day to defeat the mercenary bands, have decided to inflict a crushing blow on their various enemies. The bands, groups, and factions of counterrevolutionaries will be eliminated faster, and shame [word indistinct] will be etched on the forehead of the enemies of the people, homeland, and revolution, including the reactionary and medieval ruling circles of Iran.

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An Iraqi military spokesman denied in a statement to INA that an Iraqi fighter plane was shot down by Iranian forces. He declared that the Iraqi Air Force did not carry out any combat missions and described the "series of lies" by Iran as an attempt to mislead the Iranian people and boost the morale of its unsuccessful Air Force. The Iranian Joint Staff Command cited by IRNA had earlier announced that an Iranian Air Force plane had downed an Iraqi Super Etendard over the Persian Gulf.

Lebanon

Karami Damascus Visit — Prime Minister Rashid Karami returned to Beirut after 3 hours of talks with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, Beirut radio reported. The talks were also attended by Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm, and Foreign Minister Faruq ash-Shar'. Karami stated in remarks broadcast by the radio that Syria and Lebanon are working in "one direction with one policy toward common goals," that both countries' interests are "identical," and that both share a "common fate and destiny." Damascus radio reported that the talks dealt with the situation in Lebanon, especially the security situation in Beirut and in the north, and with the Israeli occupation in the south. Al-Asad declared Syria's readiness to "cooperate in whatever Lebanon requests," the radio added.

Tripoli Clashes — "Guarded calm" prevailed in Tripoli on the morning of 27 July following clashes between rival factions that left 22 persons dead and 127 wounded, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. A cease-fire agreement went into effect on the evening of 26 July, the radio added.

Israel

Election Results — The final unofficial results of the 23 July elections for the 11th Knesset, including the soldiers' votes counted on 26 July, give the Alignment 44 seats, the Likud 41 seats, and 13 smaller parties and blocs 35 seats, Jerusalem television announced. The final official results will be announced on 31 July, according to Central Election Committee members cited by Jerusalem radio. A radio correspondent theorized that the Likud will be able to compile a 61-member coalition if it retains its present coalition partners as well as SHAS and KAKH. The Alignment, on the other hand, will only be able to form a coalition that will block the Likud if the Alignment receives support from Yahad and TAMI, the correspondent added.

Katyusha Attack — Two Katyusha missiles were fired at Bet She'an by "terrorists" from Jordanian territory, despite the "preventive measures, the patrols, and the ambushes" by the Jordanian Army, Jerusalem radio reported. There were no casualties, the radio added. According to a Palestinian military spokesman cited by SANA, the missiles hit and set fire to their targets, killing or wounding a number of "enemy elements."

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Resolution Pledges To Fight 'Hirelings'

LD270614 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0440 GMT 27 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, July 26, BAKHTAR: "We consider it our sacred duty to struggle against the shameless interventions and aggressions of imperialist forces and their criminal hirelings."

This was stated in a resolution passed by an assembly of elders of the subcounties of Nerkh, Jelriz [spelling as received] and Maydan Shar of Vardak Province.

The resolution also calls upon the various nationalities of the province to form the defender groups of revolution.

The heads of various nationalities of the province pledged to cooperate firmly with the party and the government of the DRA.

Actions Against Counterrevolutionaries Succeed

LD261643 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 26 Jul 84

[Text] In line with crushing counterrevolutionary and treacherous bands who, at the instructions of their masters disrupt the peaceful and secure life of our toiling people, a seriesof operations were recently mounted in the villages of Ghazni Province by the vigilant security forces. A number of rebels were crushed. Seven of the rebels were captured, along with their weapons.

Also as a result of an operation which was carried out in the [name indistinct] village, Badakhshan Province, a number of rebels were crushed and nine assorted weapons and a communications unit were seized from them.

According to another report, during an operation in the Qara Bagh district, Kabul Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and an amount of arms and equipment were seized from them.

Quoting responsible security sources in Baghlan and Nangarhar Provinces, a BIA correspondent reports that as a result ofoperations mounted recently by the militant vigilant security forces in the villages of three provinces, a number of rebels were crushed and a number wounded. A quantity of weapons and equipment was seized from them.

Mujahidin Clash With Government Forces

Parwan, Balhk, Konarha Battles

BK261610 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 26 Jul 84

[Text] There are reports of continued fighting between Afghan mujahidin and the Soviet-Karmal forces in various parts of Afghanistan. Afghan mujahidin are reported to have killed a large number of Soviet-Karmal soldiers and caused material losses in their recent operations in Parwan, Balkh, and Konarha Provinces. They also destroyed a military post in the Moqor area in Ghazni Province and killed a number of Soviet-Karmal soldiers.

20 Afghan-Soviet Casualties

LD262043 Riyadh SPA in English 1912 GMT 26 Jul 84

[Text] Islamabad, July 26, SPA — Twenty Soviet-Afghan troops were killed and a tank and three military trucks were destroyed July 15 when mujahidin attacked a communist column on Mazar-e-Sharif-Sheberghan highway in northern Afghanistan close to Soviet borders, AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS (AAP) reported here today.

In another report AAP said mujahidin had wiped out a communist military post on July 13 in Moqor area of Ghazni Province.

Soviet in retaliation bombed Moqor, but according to AAP, mujahidin ground fire forced Soviet MIG's to retreat without causing much damage to resistance positions or civilians.

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USSR Mideast Proposal

A Jerusalem radio commentator reiterated Israel's objections to the Soviet Union's recent call for a Middle East conference, pointing out that the USSR has no diplomatic ties with Israel and that Israel believes that direct negotiations are a better way to achieve results. He also emphasized that PLO participation in such a conference is a "sticky" point. A Cairo radio commentary termed the call for a Middle East conference a "ray of hope" and a "constructive addition" to present peace efforts. However, the radio continued, despite the "extreme importance" of the Soviet proposal, it is 7 years too late and has no possibility of being implemented because the political realities in the area have changed. Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali added in a French newspaper interview cited by MENA that an international conference on the Middle East cannot be held unless it is preceded by improvements in East-West relations.

The PLO and the Palestinian people support the Soviet initiative, according to a statement by PLO Political Department chief Faruq Qaddumi reported by Tunis radio. Qaddumi added that an international conference is the "ideal way to a just and comprehensive settlement" of the Middle East crisis. A DFLP spokesman cited by KUNA also expressed support for the Soviet move, calling it an "incentive" to accelerate the reunification of the PLO factions. Baghdad Voice of PLO radio, however, noted that Israeli and U.S. opposition to the plan is enough to prevent its realization.

PLO Affairs

The Fatah Central Committee has decided to send a delegation to Algiers to participate in the expanded Palestinian meeting stipulated by the Algiers-Aden agreement at which a date will be fixed for the 17th PNC session, the Central Committee spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by Algiers Voice of Palestine radio. The committee, which met in Tunis on 29 July, also approved the continuation of contacts with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, expressing the hope that a Syrian-Palestinian agreement can be reached that will serve the interests of thePalestinian people. The Fatah leaders considered that Faruq Qaddumi's recent talks with Al-Asad took place in a "spirit of optimism" indicating that the Syrian-Palestinian dialogue can lead to the restoration of Arab solidarity. As for the Israeli elections, the committee denounced the "racist Zionist trend" of the results and contended that the "betting" on the Labor Party in Europe and the United States is unrelated to any realistic possibility of establishing a just peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Fatah statement also reaffirmed the need to escalate the armed struggle against Israel, noting that this requires improving the efficiency of the PLO's military forces.

Lebanon

Vladimir Polyakov, chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Near Eastern Countries Department, will visit Beirut on 3 August to meet with senior Lebanese officials, Beirut radio reported. Diplomatic sources think the talks will center on the Soviet proposal for an international conference on the Middle East problem, the radio added.

Meanwhile, after a short visit to Damascus, Information Minister Joseph Skaf said he discussed the reopening of the Beirut-Damascus highway in his talks with the Syrian leaders, Voice of Lebanon radio noted. The Syrians expressed their full support for the reunification of Lebanon's official information media, he added. On this topic, Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam told Beirut radio that the continuing split in the media is not assisting Lebanon's reunification and that Syria hopes the Lebanese Cabinet's next step will be to unify the radio and television.

Syrian-Jordanian Relations

A member of the Jordanian parliamentary delegation which recently met with President al-Asad in Damascus told the Paris weekly *AL-MUSTAQBAL* that the Syrian leader had stressed the "pan-Arab need" for Syrian-Jordanian detente in order to confront Israel.

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U.S. Congress' Aid to Rebels Criticized

LD310909 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0509 GMT 31 Jul 84

[Text] Kabul, July 30, BAKHTAR: A political observer of BIA writes:

The allocation of fifty million dollars by the allotment committee of the U.S. Congress for the Afghan counter-revolution testifies to the fact that the protection of terrorists and murderers has ever-further become the official policy of Washington.

While the overall 600-million dollar aid provided to the Afghan counter-revolution by the Western countries, the U.S. and its allies proved to be ineffective, one can clearly expect that the recently-approved fifty million dollars also will not retard the revolutionary process in the DRA.

From the standpoint of international law, the approval of a huge amount of money for terrorists and criminals by the official legislative organ of the USA amounts to undermining the prevailing international norms and standards. They speak of human rights but trample down the most basic right of the peoples of other countries to choose their own social system and help a handful of obscurantists and reactionary elements under the stamp of "freedom fighters" in their vain struggles to reverse the couse of history.

Now the imperialists have realized it very well that they cannot deter the forward march of the Afghan revolution as their previous aids to counter-revolution were infructuous. However, they still continue their disgraceful acts simply with the vain hope of retarding the socio-economic progress of Afghanistan and at least to abet the continuation of the crimes committed by the counter-revolution. The crushing blows recently inflicted on the counter-revolution have created a wave of desperation in the ruling circles of imperialist countries. Thus, it is not surprising that the imperialist countries sought to set up their assistance to the Afghan counter-revolution which, as usual, would bring them and their hirelings nothing but ignominy and disgrace.

BAKHTAR Denounces PRC, Pakistan 'Interference'

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[Text] Kabul, July 29, BAKHTAR: A political observer of BIA writes:

The very first days of the Chinese visit by the Pakistani Foreign Minister Yaqub Ali Khan have shown that the two sides try to lend peaceful colouring to their relations with neighbouring states. It is not accidental that in one of its first reports on the visit of the Pakistani minister the XINHUA agency found it expedient to stress that "Pakistani-Chinese friendship is not directed against any other country." However, such an interpretation of the present relations between China and Pakistan does not reflect the present-day actualities of life.

Despite generally recognized norms of international law, Pakistan has been turned into the main bridgehead for the undeclared war against Afghanistan as well as a tran-shipment base for weapons supplied to anti-Afghan gangs primarily by the USA and China. Chinese military hardware and ammunition are shipped to Pakistan over the Karakorum highway and via the Karachi port.

The Beijing leaders detailed tens of Chinese military instructors to Pakistan. They teach Afghan counter-revolutionaries methods of sabotage and terrorist activities at special camps near Quetta, Chitral and Dir. Thus, the strengthening of military and political ties between Beijing and Islamabad is directly connected with the present dangerous development around Afghanistan. The Chinese foreign minister was hypocritical saying that China "supports" the UN secretary general's efforts to arrange Afghan-Pakistani contacts in Geneva and that China allegedly tries to (?seal) relations between the region's countries "through a dialogue and consultations." These statements by the Chinese diplomat are not borne out by facts again. Beijing has not backed the peaceful initiatives of the Afghan Government which suggested repeatedly that talks of interested states be held on ways of a political settlement of all disputable questions.

On the contrary, it continues its interference in Afghanistan's domestic affairs, which is corroborated by the results of the last year's visit to Pakistan by the Chinese foreign minister. On visiting a camp of Afghan counter-revolutionaries near Peshawar, the Chinese minister promised to render additional aid for their struggle against the legitimate Afghan Government.

New contacts between Beijing and Islamabad at the level of foreign ministers show that Beijing tries to cover with demogogic statements its desire for military interference in Afghanistan's home affairs and, in fact, interferes, together with the Reagan administration, with stablization of the situation in southwest Asia on the basis of advantageous cooperation and equal security.

Government Claims Successes Against Rebels

'Deceived Compatriots' Surrender

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[Text] Four of our deceived compatriots who as a result of the hostile propaganda of the rebels had joined the enemies of the revolution and people, have realized the truth of the April revolution and humanitarian policy of the DRA Government, and surrendered to the security authorities of Badghis Province, bringing with them four assorted weapons. They availed themselves of the Revolutionary Council's general amnesty decree and the message of the nationwide session of the country's nationalities and tribes. They gave assurances they would defend to the end the gains of the April revolution and would not allow the rebels to disrupt the life of the noble people in their regions.

Anti-Rebel Operations Outlined

LD291916 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 29 Jul 84

[Text] In line with the successful operations mounted by the armed forces in various parts of the country, during which rebels, those savage murderers, are being brought down to their knees